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R. I. JOBS TOTAL 399,100 IN AUGUST

Employees returning to work from unpaid vacations, coupled with some post-vacation hiring — particularly in manufacturing — increased the State's employment rolls in August, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate that 399,100 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-August. This represents a monthly increase of 8,100 jobs.

MANUFACTURING

Following normal seasonal patterns, an additional 9,400 workers were reported on manufacturing payrolls after the traditional July vacation period. The mid-August estimate of 126,400 manufacturing jobs is 700 higher than last year and fully recouped the 9,300 job losses reported in July.

In the Durable Goods industries, August employment rose by 2,700 jobs to 55,700, up 1,000 over last year. Job gains were concentrated in the Metals and Machinery sectors, led by an increase of 1,000 in Fabricated Metals, which showed evidence of some non-seasonal hiring, reaching an employment level of 10,000 in August. Primary Metals (still in the midst of a labor dispute) regained its July losses, bringing back 700 workers to reach a level of 7,900. Electrical Machinery manufacturers added 600 jobs in August, which was less than the 800 job losses reported in July, to stand at 11,100 for the month.

37TH OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK OCTOBER 4 — 10

The week of October 4 — 10, 1981 will mark the thirty-seventh observance of National Employ the Handicapped Week to draw the nation's attention to the millions of handicapped workers in the labor force.

The period also marks the 27th anniversary of the amendment to the Federal legislation which formally established the program of services to handicapped individuals in the public employment service.

Announcing the 37th NETH, Mary C. Hackett, Employment Security Director, commended Rhode Island employers for their positive approach to hiring and retaining handicapped workers.

During a recent twelve-month period 2,377 handicapped persons sought employment through the Department's network of local offices, of this number, 748 were placed in jobs.

Miss Hackett noted that for the past thirty-seven years the public employment service has accentuated the positive — that a worker's abilities are far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers desiring to hire qualified handicapped workers are strongly encouraged to list their job openings with the Job Bank at 277-3588 or the toll free Enterprise 2265. A listing of all Job Service offices appears on the last page of this Bulletin.

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JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980
Total Placements	2,829	3,516	2,925
New Applications	4,437	6,454	6,793
New Openings Received	5,004	4,555	4,870

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1981	July 1981	% Change from July
Initial Claims	8,795	17,386	– 49.4
No. of Payments	76,276	75,248	+ 1.4
Amt. of Payments	$7,082,980	$7,513,847	– 5.7
Exhaustions	1,267	1,527	– 17.0

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Aug. 1981	July 1981	% Change from July
Initial Claims	1,443	1,886	– 23.5
No. of Payments	9,927	10,766	– 7.8
Amt. of Payments	$967,248	$1,021,153	– 5.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED AUGUST 1981

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	19,710	100.0
Men	8,305	42.1
Under 45	5,928	71.4
45 and over	2,377	28.6
Women	11,405	57.9
Under 45	6,652	58.3
45 and over	4,753	41.7
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,149	5.8
Manufacturing	7,026	35.6
Public Utilities	1,007	5.1
Trade	3,320	16.8
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	297	1.5
Service	4,676	23.7
All Other	2,235	11.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	3,422	17.4
Clerical and Sales	3,862	19.6
Service	2,532	12.8
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	181	0.9
Processing	1,188	6.0
Machine Trades	1,563	7.9
Bench Work	2,415	12.3
Structural Work	1,692	8.6
Miscellaneous	2,325	11.8
Not Available	530	2.7

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	July 1981	June 1981	July 1980
Civilian Labor Force	456.0	463.6	457.1
Unemployment	37.9	33.5	38.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.3	7.2	8.5
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.4	7.0	7.6

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	July 1981	June 1981	July 1980
Civilian Labor Force	32,345	31,960	31,890
Unemployment	1,940	1,730	1,730
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.0	5.4	5.4

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	July 1981	June 1981	July 1980
Civilian Labor Force	15,835	15,245	15,235
Unemployment	1,105	1,000	1,085
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.0	6.6	7.1

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1982. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
Charlestown
Johnston
New Shoreham
North Providence
Providence
Warren
West Warwick

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT In Thousands Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Net Change From July 1981	Aug. 1980	PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings Aug. 1981	Aug. 1980	Weekly Hours Aug. 1981	Aug. 1980	Hourly Earnings Aug. 1981	Aug. 1980
ALL MANUFACTURING	126.4	117.0	125.7	+ 9400	+ 700	$236.78	$214.66	38.5	38.4	$6.15	$5.59
DURABLE GOODS	55.7	53.0	54.7	+ 2700	+ 1000	264.32	240.86	39.1	39.1	6.76	6.16
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.4	2.2†	2.3	+ 200	+ 100	232.01	219.79	35.1	37.7	6.61	5.83
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 100	303.62	268.84	40.7	44.0	7.46	6.11
PRIMARY METALS	7.0†	7.2†	7.1	- 700	+ 200	298.72	253.34	43.8	40.6	6.82	6.24
FABRICATED METALS	10.0	9.0	9.7	+ 1000	+ 300	225.52	209.34	37.4	38.2	6.03	5.48
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.0	9.0	9.5	0	- 500	309.78	284.31	40.6	40.1	7.63	7.09
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.1	10.5	10.3	+ 600	+ 800	214.17	201.66	35.4	36.4	6.05	5.54
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.2	7.2	7.1	0	100	302.08	270.38	39.8	39.3	7.59	6.88
INSTRUMENTS	5.1	4.9	5.0	+ 200	+ 100	249.08	212.42	39.6	38.0	6.29	5.59
NONDURABLE GOODS	70.7	64.0	71.0	+ 6700	- 300	216.60	194.67	38.0	41.8	5.70	5.15
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	2.2	3.2	0	- 300	233.05	222.50	36.7	35.6	6.35	6.25
TEXTILES	12.2†	11.5†	12.0	+ 700	+ 200	229.08	199.50	41.5	39.9	5.52	5.00
APPAREL	3.9	3.7	3.5	+ 200	+ 400	206.35	189.47	40.7	41.1	5.07	4.61
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.4	2.3	+ 500	0	230.29	210.45	38.8	38.9	5.95	5.41
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.0	5.5	0	+ 500	282.33	292.43	37.1	39.2	7.61	7.46
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.3	3.2	3.0	+ 100	+ 300	324.80	287.72	40.0	36.1	8.12	7.97
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.2	1.1	1.3	+ 100	100	238.01	199.28	37.6	34.9	6.33	5.71
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.0	5.3	+ 100	- 200	242.80	217.70	40.0	38.6	6.07	5.64
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.0	2.7	3.0	+ 300	0	162.79	148.16	37.9	37.7	4.48	3.93
JEWELRY SILVERWARE	24.1	19.3	25.0	+ 4800	900	185.33	169.26	35.3	36.4	5.25	4.65
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.1	6.2	6.3	100	200	201.79	173.45	37.3	37.3	5.41	4.65

* 1980 FIGURES REVISED. 1981 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.
† LABOR DISPUTE
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
JULY 1981

	ACCESSION RATES TOTAL July 1981	June 1981	July 1980	NEW HIRES July 1981	June 1981	July 1980	SEPARATION RATES TOTAL July 1981	June 1981	July 1980	QUITS July 1981	June 1981	July 1980	LAY-OFF RATES July 1981	June 1981	July 1980
MANUFACTURING	5.8	3.9	9.3	2.7	2.8	2.4	6.2	3.8	9.6	1.6	1.4	1.6	3.6	1.7	6.9
DURABLE GOODS	3.7	2.9	6.3	2.0	2.2	2.1	4.9	4.1	7.6	1.2	1.1	1.3	2.9	2.1	5.5
Primary Metals	3.3	2.2	4.1	2.0	2.1	1.4	5.9	6.4	4.4	0.8	1.2	1.4	4.2	4.0	2.7
Fabricated Metals	8.5	4.0	10.3	2.7	3.3	2.2	10.8	2.6	11.0	1.6	1.3	1.9	8.0	0.1	7.8
Non-Elec. Mach.	1.3	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.8	2.0	1.7	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.2
Electrical Mach.	3.5	3.9	8.1	2.5	2.9	0.9	5.0	3.7	9.5	1.8	1.8	1.3	2.5	1.0	7.8
Instruments-Optical	5.1	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.6	1.6	3.7	1.6	17.9	1.3	1.0	1.2	2.1	0.2	16.0
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	1.9	1.8	7.3	1.3	0.7	4.4	2.7	9.5	5.1	1.2	1.1	1.8	0.6	7.6	2.5
NONDUR. GOODS	7.4	4.8	11.6	3.3	3.4	2.7	7.3	3.6	11.2	2.0	1.6	1.9	4.2	1.3	8.1
Food-Beverage	1.5	9.1	10.2	1.5	3.8	1.5	30.7	5.8	5.1	2.6	1.4	1.6	27.9	3.5	2.3
Textiles	8.6	4.4	21.8	3.5	3.3	3.2	8.3	4.0	20.9	2.4	1.8	1.8	3.5	1.1	16.3
Apparel	15.3	4.4	14.6	8.9	1.7	1.7	10.3	3.2	6.6	2.2	0.8	0.9	7.2	1.7	4.3
Paper & Allied Prod.	10.7	5.0	12.9	2.5	2.8	1.5	11.9	2.9	13.4	2.2	2.1	0.5	7.5	0.1	11.5
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	3.2	4.4	10.0	1.8	3.5	2.1	3.2	3.5	14.3	1.5	1.8	2.2	0.4	0.2	11.1
Jewelry & Silverware	9.8	4.1	7.4	3.1	2.6	3.0	7.7	2.8	6.2	1.3	1.0	1.1	5.7	1.1	4.4
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	5.7	4.2	6.8	2.1	3.7	3.1	6.2	2.6	6.6	1.9	1.8	2.5	17.4	0.2	3.1

* RATES FOR JULY 1981 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR JUNE 1981 AND JULY 1980 ARE FINAL.
* * INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT. INCLUDES: PRINTING AND PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	July 1981	Aug. 1980
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	399.1	391.0	399.3	+ 8,100	— 200
MANUFACTURING	126.4	117.0	125.7	+ 9,400	+ 700
NONMANUFACTURING	272.7	274.0	273.6	— 1,300	— 900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.3	13.5	1.35	— 200	— 200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12.7	12.8	13.5	— 100	— 800
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	80.4	80.5	81.5	— 100	— 1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.2	21.0	21.0	+ 200	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	86.8	87.7	84.1	— 900	+ 2,700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.3	58.5	60.0	— 200	— 1,700

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ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
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* FARMERS, SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED

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Lumber/Furniture (which saw the settlement of a labor dispute during this period) and Instruments each added 200 jobs in the month, to levels of 2,400 and 5,100, respectively.

Nondurable Goods industries led the August resurgence, posting overall gains of 6,700 jobs to reach a total of 70,700 workers, slightly less (-300) than last year's total. Workers returning from unpaid vacations plus some additional hirings added 4,800 jobs to the Jewelry/Silverware industry, boosting its total employment to 24,100 in mid-August, a level which was 900 higher than even June's 23,200 pre-vacation layoff level.

Textiles firms added 700 jobs in the month, to reach a level of 12,200. This industry is still affected by an ongoing labor dispute. Paper products firms, showing some seasonal hiring, added 500 jobs to 2,900. Gains of 300 jobs in Leather and 200 in Apparel brought their employment totals to 3,000 and 3,900, respectively, while Rubber, Plastics and Chemicals firms each added 100 workers in the month.

NONMANUFACTURING

The number of men and women gainfully employed in the State's nonmanufacturing industries fell to 272,700 in mid-August, resulting in a monthly decrease of 1,300 jobs.

A loss of 900 jobs was reported in the Services sector, mostly attributable to the layoff of student workers in Private Educational facilities, bringing the employment level to 86,800. Government payrolls declined by 200 to 58,300 in mid-August, with losses in Federal, Local Goverment and Local Education more than offsetting a reported gain in the number of State employees.

Contract Construction firms, with losses mainly in residential and heavy construction, reported a decrease of 200 jobs, to a level of 13,300. Transportation and Public Utilities and Trade each showed a 100 job decline in August, to employment level of 12,700 and 80,400, respectively. The Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate sector, led by increases in the Banking segment, reported a gain of 200 jobs to a level of 21,200 in mid-August.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average manufacturing workweek declined .4 hours in August to 38.5 hours, up .1 hours over one year ago. Average hourly earnings for factory production and related workers rose 4 cents in the month to $6.15, up 56 cents over last year. Average weekly earnings for these workers declined by 90 cents in the month, but showed a gain of $22.12 over the year.

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	467.8	463.2	468.8
Unemployment	34.5	37.8	36.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.4	8.2	7.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.2	7.3	7.6

JOB BANK	277-3588
or Enterprise	2265
TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-6950
Call-A-Teen	277-2964

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue	847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 40 Fountain St.	
Professional, Clerical & Sales	277-3579
Jewelry	277-3559
Manufacturing	277-3556
Construction	277-3556
Hotel, Hospital, Household & Restaurant	277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Rd.	294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St.	231-5290
QUONSET POINT, Bldg. No. 10	277-3521
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center, Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	762-9010

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